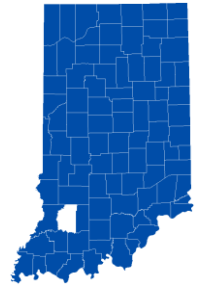




## CLEAN Community Challenge Success Story: Community Recycling Program Washington, Indiana



### Background

The city of Washington's community recycling program was small, consisting of one drop-off site for residents to use. Not many took advantage of it, and the city decided to tackle the expansion of the recycling program as one of its CLEAN Community Challenge projects.

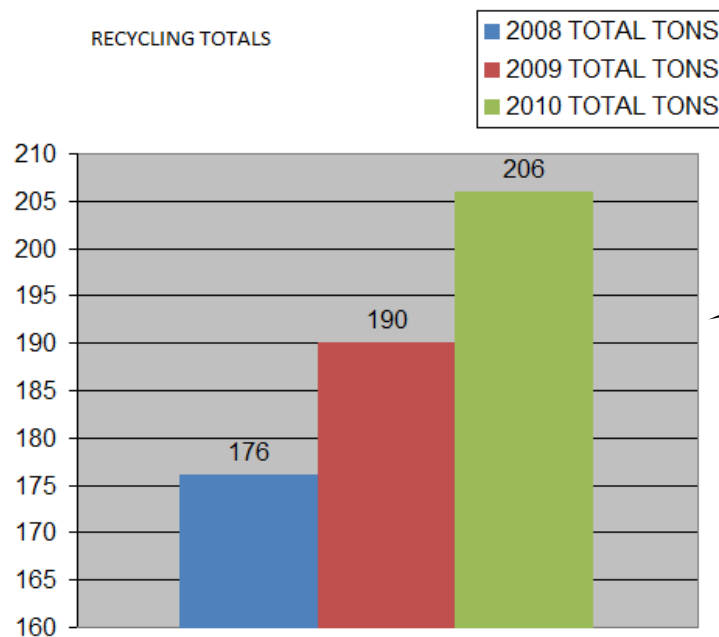
### Goal

Reduce solid waste by increasing community recycling by 20% by 2012.

### Action Plan and Tasks Completed

- Established baseline by tracking tonnage of recycling and trash disposal in 2008
- Developed a recycling program with the local schools and throughout the community by establishing a pick-up schedule for the schools and providing a recycling trailer that is rotated among the schools and a local grocery store for community use
- Appointed representatives from each city department for coordinating recycling efforts within their departments
- Supplied recycling containers for the public to use at the park and recreational fields
- Developed recycling programs with Washington Little League, Soccer Federation, 4-H Fair and other special community events

### Accomplishments



Overall 17 percent  
increase in  
recycling from  
2008 to 2010

## **Savings**

By reducing the amount of trash disposed of at the landfill, Washington saved approximately \$7,800 in disposal costs during 2009 and 2010.

## **Recommendations from the city of Washington**

- Partnering with the schools is a great way to educate the children of the community, thus educating the families of the community about recycling.



Above: The city of Washington purchased equipment to increase collection of recyclables.